



## Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

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### Free Guided Gallery Tours at Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

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**BEREA, Ky.** —On Saturday, Dec. 14, the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea will offer visitors free guided tours through the center's gallery exhibit, "Capturing the Art of Sport: Works by Kentucky Artisans," and the center's lobby display featuring an 18-foot Christmas tree decorated with sports-themed ornaments in University of Kentucky blue and University of Louisville red.

"Capturing the Art of Sport: Works by Kentucky Artisans," features works by 25 artists and includes wood carvings, photographs, paintings, textile works, baskets, prints, mixed media works and sculpture. A wide variety of sports are captured by these artists, including fishing, boating, soccer, golf, baseball, horse racing, cycling, archery, basketball and boxing.

In the center's lobby, the 18-foot Christmas tree ties in with the center's sports exhibit by showcasing sports-themed ornaments. "The Founding of the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea" shows the history of how the Artisan Center came about, from the April 1996 tornado, through meetings, planning, construction and the grand opening in July 2003. A pictorial showcase of highlights from the past 10 years accompanies this visual history.

These free, guided exhibit tours will be led by Kentucky Artisan Center staff, who will talk about the exhibit, the artists and individual works. Staff will answer questions about the techniques and various processes used in the objects featured. This tour will be given at 11 a.m. and again at 2 p.m.

In addition, on Dec. 14, Peggy Sherry, of Somerset, will demonstrate her "oil painting in motion" technique from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the center.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is located at 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate 75 at Berea, Exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with the cafe open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Celebrating 10 years in 2013, the center currently features works by more than 700 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. For more information about the center's events call 859-985-5448, visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center](http://www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center), or go to the center's website at [www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov](http://www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov).

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**Photos left to right:** “Kentucky Fearless” by Agustin Zarate; “Kentucky Knight” by Jeff and Henrietta Scott; “Ohio River Four” wall quilt by Marilyn Foulke, from the exhibit “Capturing the Art of Sport” at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea; “Color in Motion” oil painting by Peggy Sherry who demonstrates on Dec. 14.